

5 things you can do to keep unwanted pests out of California.

Don't pack a pest. When traveling, make sure you don't have any unintended stowaways.

Be aware of quarantined areas. Don't transfer fruits, vegetables or plants in or out of areas that are under quarantine.

Check your packages. Many times, invasive pests come packaged in things we order from other states or counties. Check packaging and goods to ensure no pests are sneaking in.

Pests aren't pets. They may look cute and cuddly, but leave them where they are. Don't move a pest from one location to another...you may be helping them spread.

Report a pest. If you see an unusual pest in your back yard, garden or anywhere else, report it to your local county agriculture commissioner.